

6341. Adulteration of eggs. U. S. * * * v. John W. Brown and Ben Gremm (Russian Poultry & Egg Co.). Plea of guilty by defendant Brown. Fine, \$40 and costs. Dismissed as to other defendant. (F. & D. No. 8047. I. S. Nos. 10708-m, 10712-m.)

On April 5, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against John W. Brown and Ben Gremm doing business as the Russian Poultry & Egg Co., Muskogee, Okla., alleging shipment by said defendants in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 8, 1916, and August 9, 1916, from the State of Oklahoma into the State of Kansas, of quantities of eggs which were adulterated.

Examination of the entire shipments, consisting of 2 cases in each shipment, by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department, showed 82.2 per cent of inedible eggs in the August 8 shipment and 38.4 per cent of inedible eggs in the August 9 shipment.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On July 19, 1918, the defendant John W. Brown entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$40 and costs. The information was dismissed as to Ben Gremm, whose death occurred subsequent to the filing of the information.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*